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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MEETING JULY 25 (SALT TWO-689)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING SEMENOV MADE STATEMENT ON SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS, AMENDMENTS AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE, AND I MADE FURTHER STATEMENT ON PARA 3 OF ARTICLE XVII (VERIFICATION), INCLUDING IMPORTANCE OF NOT IMPEDING ABILITY OF N.T.M. TO OBTAIN DATA FROM TESTING.

2. ON SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS, THEY SAID THAT WE SHOULD DROP OUR REVIEW CLAUSE, THE OBJECTIVE OF WHICH COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AN AMENDMENTS ARTICLE, SUCH AS WE HAVE PROPOSED IN ARTICLE XIX OF THE JDT. THEY OFFERED NO NEW SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS ARTICLE, BUT APPEARED TO BE ENDORSING THEIR PRESENT DRAFT AS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE XVI, ALSO RELATING IT TO LANGUAGE OF PREAMBLE ON MEASURES FOR FURTHER LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTIONS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE, HE SAID THAT TO ADOPT LANGUAGE OTHER THAN THE VOLUNTARY EXCHANGE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN ABM TREATY WOULD CAST DOUBT ON EFFECTIVENESS OF

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NTM IN ASSURING VIABILITY OF AGREEMENT.

3. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION HE SAID THAT FOR HIM TO GO ANY FURTHER ON THE ADDITION OF FOBS TO THE BAN ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN ORBIT, HE NEEDED TO SEE THE KIND OF LANGUAGE WE HAD IN MIND. I PROMISED TO PRODUCE SOME IDEAS ON THIS. HE AGAIN INITATED DISCUSSION ON RAPID RELOAD BY FURTHER QUESTIONS WHICH, AFTER EXTENDED AND COMPLICATED EXCHANGE BETWEEN US, CAME DOWN TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OUR PARA (C) WAS PRIMARILY DIRECTED AT LAUNCHER-RELATED EQUIPMENT THAT COULD PERMIT RAPID RELOAD RATHER THAN JUST THE LAUNCHER PER SE. I AGREED AND SAID THAT IN THIS CONNECTION I WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH HIM ANY LANGUAGE CLARIFICATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE DESIRABLE.

4. AT END OF OUR MEETING I SUGGESTED THAT WE PUT ASIDE ALL OF OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSION ON TASKING DEFINITIONS WORKING GROUP, IN WHICH MY EFFORTS TO AVOID MINUNDERSTANDINGS HAD PERHAPS INADVERTENTLY LED TO UNINTENDED COMPLEXITIES, AND SIMPLY AGREE THAT DEFINITIONS WORKING GROUP WOULD MEET TO WORK ON DEFINITIONS ARTICLE AND WE "WOULD SEE HOW FAR THEY COULD GO." HE SAID HE "HAD NO PREJUDICE AGAINST THE DEFINITIONS WORKING GROUP," BUT FELT THAT DEFINITIONS ARTICLE WAS SO IMPORTANT THAT IT SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO EXCHANGES BETWEEN DELEGATIONS AND, AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY NOTED, THEY INTENDED TO MAKE STATEMENTS ON SUBJECT AT "MINI-PLENARY" ON TUESDAY. I SAID THAT I WOULD, OF COURSE, BE INTERESTED IN HEARING THEIR STATEMENTS, BUT WOULD NOT WANT TO MAKE ANY HASTY REPLIES AND PLAN AT THAT MEETING TO MAKE STATEMENT ON SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS.

5. IN THEIR BILATERAL, SHCHUKIN SAID TO MAY THAT THE WORD "PRACTICE" HAD THE MEANING FOR HIM OF THE WAY IN WHICH WORK IS CARRIED OUT, WHILE THE WORD "MEASURE" HAD THE CONNOTATION OF SPECIAL AND DELIBERATE STEPS TAKEN TO CONCEAL OR DISGUISE. IN HIS VIEW THE LATTER SHOULD BE FORBIDDEN, BUT THE FORMER SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED. HE ALSO SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THE TERM "INTERFERENCE" USED IN PARA 2 OF ARTICLE XVII TO HIM MEANT ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE. HE ALSO PROBED MAY ON OUR "MOTIVES" FOR USING IA DATE IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF OUR PRESENT DRAFT (PARA 3 - PRACTICES THAT NEED NOT BE

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CHANGED). WAS THERE ANY CURRENT SOVIET PRACTICE THAT WE WERE SEEKING TO BAN? MAY GAVE NO DIRECT ANSWER.

6. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 29. JOHNSON

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